

1. (Currently amended) A fluid dynamic bearing motor comprising:

a base <sup>closed end</sup> having a <sup>upstanding section</sup> bottom surface and an <sup>extending from</sup> inward-facing cylindrical surface <sup>closed end</sup> perpendicular <sup>closed end</sup> to the <sup>upstanding section</sup> bottom surface, the <sup>closed end</sup> cylindrical surface and <sup>closed end</sup> bottom surface defining a bore in the base;

a stationary liner in the bore, ~~the stationary liner~~ having a longitudinal wall and further having a bottom that is contiguous with the <sup>longitudinal</sup> longitudinal wall extending radially inward from the wall, the bottom defining a passage through the stationary liner, <sup>closed end</sup> the liner positioned in contact with the <sup>upstanding section</sup> bottom surface of the base and the <sup>upstanding section</sup> inward-facing cylindrical surface of the base;

a rotor assembly having a shaft that is rotatably supported within the liner;

a fluid dynamic bearing disposed between the shaft and the longitudinal wall;

a capillary seal between the shaft and the liner having a close mating relationship end in fluid communication with the fluid dynamic bearing and an opposing diverging mating relationship end defining an inlet reservoir; and

a channel outside the liner, ~~extending along the bottom and the longitudinal wall, the~~ <sup>closed end</sup> channel being recessed into the <sup>upstanding section</sup> bottom surface and <sup>closed end</sup> inward-facing cylindrical <sup>common cavity</sup> surface of the base and in fluid contact with an outer surface of the liner, ~~wherein the channel~~ that operably fluidly ~~communicates~~ recirculating fluid from the fluid dynamic bearing via the passage to the inlet reservoir.